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To establish a national system for individuals to register for the administration of a COVID–19 vaccine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BROWN of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vaccine Administra-
5 tion Centralization to Coordinate and Improve National
6 Execution Act” or the “VACCINE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION AD-**
2 **MINISTRATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants
4 to States to enable such States to establish, expand, or
5 provide a statewide system as the sole and exclusive means
6 by which individuals may register for the administration
7 of a COVID-19 vaccine in such State.

8 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
10 grant, a State shall establish mechanisms, including
11 an Internet website and a call center, through which
12 a resident of such State that elects to receive a vac-
13 cine may register to receive administration of a
14 COVID-19 vaccine in that State.

15 (2) CRITERIA.—A State that receives a grant
16 under this section shall comply with criteria estab-
17 lished by the Secretary for carrying out activities
18 under such grant.

19 (3) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—An Internet
20 website or a call center established pursuant to para-
21 graph (1) shall, to the extent practicable, provide to
22 the residents of the State involved information on at
23 least the following:

24 (A) The date on which a resident becomes
25 eligible for the administration of a COVID-19
26 vaccine.

1 (B) The locations at which the resident
2 may receive administration of a COVID–19 vac-
3 cine.

4 (C) The hours of operation at each such
5 location.

6 (c) NATIONAL COMMUNICATION MECHANISM.—The
7 Secretary shall establish communication mechanisms, in-
8 cluding an Internet website and a call center, through
9 which any individual may receive information on each
10 State mechanism established pursuant to subsection
11 (b)(1).

12 (d) ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE STANDARDS.—For pur-
13 poses of establishing the statewide systems described in
14 subsection (a), the Secretary shall establish standards and
15 the architecture to allow for and promote the electronic
16 exchange of information required to facilitate coordination
17 between and among Federal, State, local, Tribal, and ter-
18 ritorial entities and public and private health care entities
19 for the administration of a COVID–19 vaccine to individ-
20 uals eligible and registered to receive such a vaccine.

21 (e) FUNDING.—Of the funds in the Public Health
22 Emergency Fund under section 319(b) of the Public
23 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d(b)), the Secretary
24 may use such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
25 section.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
3 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

4 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
5 the 50 States and the District of Columbia, each of
6 the territories, and Indian tribes.

7 (g) SUNSET.—This section shall be in effect only
8 until the date on which the duration of the public health
9 emergency declared by the Secretary under section 319
10 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on Jan-
11 uary 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19 (including any
12 renewal thereof) terminates.